Commissions constituted under commissions of enquiry act

1145. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Commissions were constituted under Commissions of Enquiry Act during the last three years;

(b) the date of constitution of each Commission and also terms of reference of each Commission;

(c) how many times the date for submission of Report of each Commission was extended;

(d) how many Commissions submitted reports and also the date of submission of report in each case;

(e) how many are yet to submit reports; and

(f) the amount spent on each commission so far or till the submission of the report during the period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Smuggling in spite of fencing on Indo-Pak Borders

1146. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the whole of border in Punjab has been provided with barbed wire fencing;

(b) if so, what is its impact on the smuggling of arms in the State of Punjab;

(c) what are the reasons that smuggling of arms and crossing of our border by anti-national elements is still there in spite of this barbed wire fencing on the border; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to check such smuggling of men and material ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Fencing has been provided to all such areas of the international border in the Punjab State which are fenceable, leaving behind such of the areas which are riverine, low lying or flood prone.

(b) to (d) Due to border fencing and strict vigil by para-military forces, infiltration of terrorists and smuggling of arms and ammunition has been reduced considerably during 1992 in comparison to 1991. However, Govt. have further intensified the patrolling of para-military forces and issued sophisticated border surveillance equipments to check infiltration/smuggling across the border in Punjab. State Govt. has also been provided with adequate support to modernise their police forces to check this menace.

New guidelines for Security Forces

1147. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any new guidelines to its intelligence agencies, para-military and other security forces to curb terrorism;

(b) whether their operations have been intensified to get advance information of events like those which happened in Bombay recently and to take preventive steps in advance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) Government is taking all necessary precautionary and preventive anti-terrorism measures to curb the menace of terrorism. To ensure better co-ordination and speedy action among the intelligence agencies and other Central/State security forces a core group has been constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs which is holding periodic meetings.

Applications for Freedom Fighters Pension

1148. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for sanction of pension under Freedom Fighters' Scheme are rejected as on date from A.P.; and

(b) how many are still pending for finalisation; the details district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR P.M. SAYEED): (a) 20,468 applications for grant of freedom fighters' pension, received from the State of Andhra Pradesh have been rejected so far.

(b) All applications received within the prescribed date i.e. 31-3-1982 have already been examined and decisions already communicated to the applicants. In the case of applicants claiming sufferings in the border camps in connection with the Hyderabad Liberation Movement, the Government have agreed to consider their claims, if received upto 25-10-1985. Of the claims received between 1-4-82 to 25-10-85, 426 cases from the Telangana Region of the State are pending finalisation in consultation with the Non-official Committee constituted to advise the Government on the genuineness or otherwise of such claims.

Applications received after the prescribed date are liable for summary rejection unless accompanied by documentary evidence from the official records. Receipt and disposal of delayed applications is a continuous process and no separate record is being kept in respect of such cases.

Introduction of an act on the Lines of RICO Act of U.S.A.

1149. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a stringent law on the lines of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organisation (RICO) Act in the U.S.A., as recently urged by the Law enforcing agencies in this country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of criterion for possession of Fire Arms

1150. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has recently undertaken/propose to undertake a complete review of the criterion for possession of fire arms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?